

Hollingworth High School



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BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE

We are privileged to announce that Hollingworth has been successful in its bid to become a **Specialist School in Business and Enterprise**. As a result of acquiring this Status, the school will receive an immediate and extra injection of about £250,000. This additional money will be used to add extra classrooms as well as to purchase additional resources such as books and computers. Over the next four years Hollingworth will have about £750,000 to spend on improving facilities and opportunities which should benefit both pupils and the local community. The award of this status comes at the end of our most successful year ever and it now lays the foundation for further success in the future.



SCHOOL UNIFORM • Please check our website for information about school uniform. This can be found by using our website (www.hhonline.co.uk). Checking onto School Information then to School Prospectus and finally to the Uniform section.

- Many parents and carers have asked us to supply school uniform. We are very aware that this is an expense for everyone and to help people we have linked with Sportswear to sell blazers, ties and sports kit a **REDUCED** rate. For example, blazers are about **£5 cheaper** when bought direct from the school. If you wish to purchase items full details have been printed overleaf. If you require further information, please contact **Mr J Hawkrigg on 01706 641541**. By buying directly from the school you will be able to not only save some money but also to directly support the school because there will be a small profit made which will be used to purchase materials for pupils. All returned forms should be given to a receptionist in the main school office.

SCHOOL GOVERNOR VACANCIES As from 1 September 2006, there will be two vacancies for parents to join the school's governing body. If anyone is interested then please contact Mrs C Henderson, Clerk to the Governors, in school.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS The school will finish on Friday 21 July 2006 and re-open to pupils on Wednesday 6 September 2006. Some parents have asked whether we know of any organisations that arrange activity holidays. We do not recommend any companies but we have been told that Active Training and Education (website www.ate.org.uk telephone 01684 562400) is one company that offers summer camps at a cost of about £200 per person. If anyone is interested they must contact the company directly. Please note that the school has no contact or relationship with this business.

EXAM RESULTS **KS3 SATS** results in Science and Maths are expected in the next three weeks. These always arrive in school before the end of term. Pupils will be told which level they have achieved (remember a Level 5 is 'average'). The English results will be received in August. When everyone returns to school in September they will be given a formal certificate which will include the full exam results in all three subjects. **GCSE** results will be available Thursday 24 August. **A/S** level results available on Thursday 17 August. Pupils will be given details about the methods used to distribute these results in due course.

TARGET SETTING - INDIVIDUAL PUPIL TARGETS Thank you to all those parents who gave us feedback about the methods we have used to set individual pupil targets. As you may be aware, all schools have been instructed by the DfES to set these targets and so this year was the first time that schools have had to manage this new process. We acknowledge that there are some improvements that we must make to our current system and we sincerely apologise for any difficulties that we may have unwittingly caused to parents. This was, as I said earlier, our first attempt and we know that we will make several changes for the next school year which should rectify any concerns that parents have had with the pilot system used this year.